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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that seven individuals were indicted on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas. Those indicted include:

TWO CHARGED UNDER PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS - A NATIONAL INITIATIVE TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

! Jerry Lee Williams, 51, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a pistol on July 19, 2003, in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

An affidavit filed with the court alleges that on July 19, 2003, officers with the Wichita Police Department responded to the report of a patron possibly in possession of a gun at Denny's, 4024 E. Harry, Wichita, Kansas. The affidavit alleges that when the police arrived they approached Jerry Lee Williams, along with others, and ordered Williams to remove his hands from his pockets. The affidavit further alleges that Williams failed to comply and as officers struggled with Williams a gun discharged in Williams' right front pocket. Officers struggled with Williams and others and did retrieve the firearm. The affidavit further alleges that Williams has previously been convicted of conspiracy to commit bank robbery in 1994in Wichita, Kansas; aggravated robbery, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, theft and criminal possession of a firearm in 1984 in Kansas City, Kansas; and first degree murder in 1973 in Jackson County, Missouri.

If convicted, Williams faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster.

! Jimmy Lee Thill, 30, Holcomb, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a rifle on March 5, 2003, in Finney County, Kansas.

If convicted, Thill faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Garden City Police Department, the Finney County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney David Smith.

OTHERS INDICTED INCLUDE:

! Marshall D. Seitter, 29, Liberal, Kansas, is charged with one count of receiving child pornography over the internet between January 1, 2001, and April 8, 2003, in Liberal, Kansas, and one count of forfeiture of the computer and related equipment used to obtain the child pornography.

If convicted, Seitter faces a maximum of fifteen years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI.

! Anderson Ikemefuna Iwunoh, 20, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of using unauthorized credit cards from August 16, 2002, through February 18, 2003, to purchase items over the internet; one count of possessing more than \$5,000 in stolen property from August 18, 2002, through February 20, 2003; and twelve counts of mail fraud.

The indictment alleges that from August 16, 2002, through February 20, 2003, Iwunoh used unauthorized credit cards to order clothes, hats, computer accessories, jewelry, and shoes over the internet and that these items were delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or a private or commercial interstate carrier to Iwunoh's residence in Wichita, Kansas.

If convicted, Iwunoh faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, for using unauthorized credit cards and possessing stolen property and a maximum of twenty years for mail fraud. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

! Chaketha Johnson, 46, Wichita, Kansas, is charged with two counts of making false statements to the City of Wichita Housing Authority by signing a Human Services Department Housing Division Application for Continued Occupancy form in 1998 and 1999 representing that no member of her household was employed and that her spouse did not live with her when she knew that her husband did live with her and that he was employed.

If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

! Shawn Childs, 27, formerly of Wichita, Kansas, current address unknown, is charged with two counts of theft of trade secrets and one count of wire fraud, all on February 24, 2000, in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

The indictment alleges that on February 24, 2000, Childs stole a trade secret from his former employer, Precision Pattern, Inc., intending that it would benefit someone other than Precision Pattern, Inc., and that without authorization he copied, sent, uploaded or downloaded the trade secret. The indictment further alleges that on February 24, 2000, Childs transmitted the trade secret by wire knowing that the trade secret belonged to Precision Pattern, Inc.

If convicted, Childs faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, for theft of a trade secret and a maximum of five years for wire fraud. The case was investigated by the FBI.

! Janey Marcene Baker, 56, Parson, Kansas, is charged with one count of Social Security fraud and one count of embezzling money from the United States, both from July 29, 1998, through November 30, 2001.

The indictment alleges that Janey Marcene Baker failed to notify the Social Security Administration of her mother's death and continued to receive approximately \$27,472.00 in her mother's benefits from the Social Security Administration that Baker used for her personal benefit.

If convicted Baker faces a maximum of five years for Social Security fraud and a maximum of ten years for embezzlement. The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.